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SUBJECT: LOS - AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S CONVERSATIONS IN SANTIAGO

1. AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON DISCUSSED LAW OF THE SEA ISSUES DURING COURTESY CALLS JULY 25 AND 26 ON FIREIGN MINISTER CUBILLOS; VICE FOREIGN MINISTER GENERAL VALDES; JUNTA MEMBER ADMIRAL MERINO AND AT PRESIDENT PINOCHET'S INVITATION ON THE PRESIDENT. HE HAD A VERY USEFUL, DETAILED DISCUSSION ON A RANGE OF LOS ISSUES ON JULY 26 WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL LAVIN, AMB. ZEGERS AND PROFESSOR ORREGO WHICH WILL BE REPORTED SEPTTEL.

2. THE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE FOUR RANKING GOC OFFICIALS WERE ON A HIGH LEVEL OF GENERALITY; LOS WAS ALMOST THE EXCLUSIVE THEME. RICHARDSON NOTED TO ALL THAT COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CHILEAN AND U.S. DELEGATIONS IS EXCELLENT AND THAT AMB ZEGERS AND HIS DELEGATION ENJOY GREAT RESPECT AT THE CONFERENCE FOR THEIR COMPETENCE, RESOURCEFULNESS AND INTEGRITY. ALTHOUGH THE U.S. AND CHILE DIFFER ON A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC ISSUES, RICHARDSON STRESSED THAT WE BOTH SHARE A STRONG COMMITMENT TO THE ACHIEVEMENT

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OF A BROADLY ACCEPTABLE COMPREHENSIVE TREATY. PINOCHET AND THE OTHER MINISTERS WARMLY WELCOMED RICHARDSON'S VISIT, AND AFFIRMED CHILE'S INTEREST IN THE CONCLUSION OF A TREATY. THEY ALL EXPRESSED THE HOPE, THAT THE COOPERATION OF THE US AND CHILEAN DELEGATIONS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE AS CLOSE AS IT HAD BEEN IN THE PAST.

3. THE ONLY NON-LOS SUBJECT WHICH CAME UP IN THESE CONVERSATIONS

WAS THE BEAGLE CHANNEL ISSUE. PINOCHET MADE ONLY GLANCING REFERENCE TO IT WHEN, IN MENTIONING THE RAGNE OF CHILE'S CONCERNS ABOUT THE OCEANS, HE SAID NO ONE RAISES HIS VOICEIN DEFENCE OF CHILE'S RIGHTS IN THE BEAGLE ARBITRAL AWARD. CUBILLOS WAS MORE SPECIFIC. BOTH HE AND MERINO DEPLORED ARGENTINA'S REJCETION OF THE AWARD AS LACK OF RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW. CUBILLOS OBSERVED THAT CHILE HAS A STRONG LEGAL CASE AND WOULD PRESS IT. CHILE WOULD NOT BE PROVOKED BY ARGENTINA'S THREATS BUT WOULD ACT RESPONSIBLY AND KEEP ON TALKING. ALTHOUGH CHILE REMAINS ADAMANT THAT SHE HAS SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE THREE ISLANDS CONCERNED, CHILE WILL BE FLEXIBLE ABOUT THE DRAWING OF MARITIME BOUNDARIES -- AS LONG AS THIS IS DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND NOT ON SOME ARBITRARY BASIS.

4. NEITHER CHILE'S INTERNATIONAL POSITION NOR U.S.-CHILEAN RELATIONS IN THE BROAD SENSE WAS DISCUSSED IN THESE CONVERSATIONS, ALTHOUGH PINOCHET AT THE END OF THE TALK WITH RICHARDSON SAID HE HOPED RICHARDSON WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE MORE OF "THIS COUNTRY WHICH IS BEING SHAKEN UP FROM THE OUTSIDE."

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